



UNITED STATES ARMY

THE VICE CHIEF OF STAFF


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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR ARMY LEADERS

SUBJECT: Official Participation in Private Organizations – Membership and Management

1. The Army shares mutual interests with many private organizations that promote a professional affiliation with the Army. Senior leaders can expect some involvement with these kinds of organizations in both their professional and personal capacities. As such, senior leaders must understand the rules governing membership and participation in these private organizations. Failure to understand and follow these rules can place you, your command, and the Army at risk.
2. Attached is an information paper that provides some insights and practical tips concerning official participation in private organizations. Read it, learn from it, and implement its guidance. Consult with your Staff Judge Advocate, Ethics Counselor, or Inspector General on any related issues that may arise. You are all decision makers; ensure that you make well-informed, ethical decisions.

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